

SUBCHAPTER I—VOLUNTARY INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SERVICE

PART 156—VOLUNTARY INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SERVICE

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§ 156.1 Meaning of words.

Words used in this part in the singular form shall import the plural, and vice versa, as the case may demand.

§ 156.2 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall be construed, respectively, to mean:

Administrator. The Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, or any person authorized to act for the Administrator.

Animal product. Anything made of, derived from, or containing any material of animal origin.

Applicant. Any person who requests service under this part.

Department. The United States Department of Agriculture.

Inspector. Any officer or employee of the Department of cooperating agency authorized to perform any duties at any plant furnished service under this part.

Inspector in charge. An inspector of the Department assigned by the Administrator to supervise, review, and perform official work pertaining to a plant furnished service under this part.

Person. Any individual, corporation, company, association, firm, partner-

ship, society, joint stock company, or other form of organization.

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§ 156.3 Kind of service; records.

Laws, regulations or other requirements of foreign countries and specifications of contracts for the purchase and sale of animal products, on occasion require vendors of such products to furnish official certificates concerning the class, quality, quantity, or condition of such products to be imported into such countries or to be delivered under the contracts. The service under this part, shall consist of the inspection of the processing, handling, and storage of the products at any plant at which service is furnished and the certification, on the basis of such requirements of foreign countries or such contract specifications, of the class, quality, quantity, or condition of such of the products as are found to conform to such requirements or specifications as the case may be. Processing procedures will be actually supervised. The operator of the plant shall fully inform the inspector with respect to, and the inspector shall actually observe, the processing procedures, handling, and storage of the products intended for certification. The inspector shall keep such records of the temperatures reached, the duration of time the temperatures are maintained, and the pounds of pressure under which the products are cooked in the course of processing, and such other information, as are needed to justify the issuance of the certificates required.

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§ 156.4 Application for service.

Any person who is eligible to receive service under this part may apply therefor to the Administrator, upon an